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International Airport near Srirangapatna proposed

Survey of 900-acre land conducted; Proposal with Centre

Mysuru, Aug. 11 (RK&BCT)- One more International Airport may come up near Srirangapatna on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway, in addition to the existing Kempegowda International Airport (KIA), far away from Bengaluru near Nandi Hills, if the Centre accepts the proposal already sent for its consideration.

The question is, if this new Airport will be a competitor to KIA and also to the recently opened Mandakalli Airport in Mysuru. Chances are high as industry stakeholders are demanding a new International Airport on Mysuru and Bengaluru Highway.

The Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce (BCIC) has submitted a report to the State Government that states that taking into consideration the growth of Bengaluru and Mysuru, one more airport is necessary ideally on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway near K. Shettahalli in Srirangapatna Taluk so that the region — including Mandya, Channapattana and Ramanagara — gets a boost with more industries, software companies that will promote employment and growth opportunities.

The report has been submitted to Minister for Large and Medium Scale Industries Jagadish Shettar last week in Bengaluru and he too felt the need of a new airport as the KIA will be saturated soon.

Ideal location

"Our analysis indicates that the location of the second airport would be ideal on the stretch between Bengaluru and Mysuru, based on the economic growth pattern, demographic splits and demand potential. This will ensure that the benefits of connectivity drive additional growth in Mysuru, Hassan and Kodagu," the report stated.

"With infrastructure being a key driver of industry and investment, a second airport will not only help to decongest Bengaluru city, but will also help industry expand towards outlying areas thereby fostering balanced growth," the report said.

The additional International Airport will be a profitable and favourable project and given the ground-level challenges, it is imperative that a decision be taken quickly. Stakeholders said that the new airport should be a standalone one and both Kempegowda International Airport and the new airport should compete with each other genuinely.

(See AIRPORT on page 7)

SSLC results: Three students emerge district toppers with 623

Mysuru, Aug. 11 (MK&BNR)- Three students have emerged district toppers by scoring 623 out of 625 marks in the SSLC exams, results of which were announced yesterday.

Gaurav Chandan of Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala, C. Manu of Vijaya Vittala School and N.R. Preksha of Rotary Ideal Jawa School are the three who have topped the district with 623 marks.

Gaurav Chandan, son of industrialist from Bengaluru T.N. Chandan and Ajanta Chandan, has secured 124/125 in Sanskrit, 99/100 in English and 100/100 in Kannada, Mathematics, Science and Social Science; C. Manu, son of City Crime Branch (CCB) Police Head Constable C. Chikkanna and M. Bhagya, residents of Srirampura, has secured 125 in Sanskrit, 100 in English, Kannada and Social Science and 99 in Mathematics and Science; N.R. Preksha, daughter of advocate Ravichandre Gowda and Roopa, residents of Kuvempunagar, has scored 125 in Sanskrit, 99 in English and Science, 100 in Kannada, Mathematics and Social Science.

Two students from the district — M.N. Vihan and S. Vivek of Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala — became second toppers in the district with 622/625 and four students — S. Sanjeev Holla of Vijaya Vittala School, Anagha Acharya of Marimallappa High School, M. Ashwini of Sri Taralabalu High School and B. Sriman Reddy of Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala — took third place in the district by securing 621/625.

[See also page 9]

Gaurav Chandan *C. Manu* *N.R. Preksha*

Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	374
Total positive cases	:	7,685
Discharges yesterday	:	258
Total discharges	:	3,466
Deaths yesterday	:	5
Total deaths	:	240
Total active cases	:	3,979

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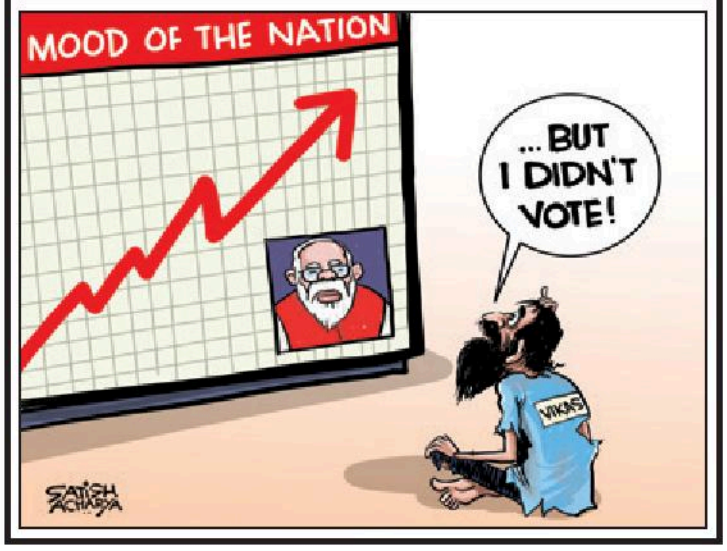
By Satish Acharya



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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 11th August 2020

Intl. Webinar on 'Net-Zero Energy' tomorrow

Dr. S.A. Sherif

Mysuru, Aug. 11- The Department of Mechanical Engineering, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), in association with Indian Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ISHRAE), Mysore Chapter, has organised an International Webinar on 'Latest Advances in Energy Research and Drive to Net-Zero Energy' tomorrow (Aug. 12) at 4 pm through online.

The resource person is Dr. S.A. Sherif, Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida. The Webinar shall be conducted through Streamyard. There will be live YouTube Streaming and link for the participants is *https://youtu.be/KHyagzxSGW4*

It is open for all and there is no registration fee. However, participants should register initially and all registered attendees will get an e-certificate. Interested may contact Co-ordinators Dr. K.B. Vinay on Mob: 98867-65126 and Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishna on Mob: 96323-76757.

The Organising Committee Members are: Dr. B.C. Ashok (Dean - Students Welfare for Autonomous), Dr. K.S. Ravi (PG Coordinator), Dr. Khalid Imran, Prof. Naveen Ankegowda, Prof. B.S. Nithyananda, T.A. Prabhakar (BARC, Mysuru), Anil Kumar Nadiger (Managing Director, Rachana Ener Care) and D.K. Dinesh Kumar (Project Engineer, KREDL, Mysuru).

On this occasion, Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda, Principal, VVCE, Dr. G.V. Naveen Prakash, Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering, VVCE, H.M. Sujatha, President, ISHRAE, Mysore Chapter and P.V. Bharadwaj, Programme Coordinator, ISHRAE, Mysore Chapter, will be present.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

When I opened my Instagram account, I saw a post by an international media organisation — Alberto Giuliani, a photographer from Italy, clicked pictures of doctors; he was not psychologically ready for what he saw in a hospital. As the doctors finish their longer than usual shifts, they bore deep marks physical — on the face due to the tight masks — and emotional and psychological. Leaving behind their loved ones, their parents, children, family and friends. Thoughts of despair and hopefulness creep into one's head when one reads about this situation. As the conditions inside the COVID-19 wards are tense and worrisome, their life after the shift isn't normal too. They dread going close to their family and seek affection from far-off. Even some people whom I know are in journalism. They are relaying their duties selflessly. The other day, I called a senior journalist working in media, she said, "I am in the office. I am safe. Sometimes, you feel awkward because you don't want to put your family under threat." It is this spirit of fighters that keep us alive and kicking. They are defeating the virus every day. They are pushing the country of 135.26 crore people back on track. We have to support them and not let their efforts go down the drain. Cooperation is everything that they need. We can be more polite and generous if we say a big thank you and cheer them up in some way or the other.

— Jaspreet Singh in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Brewery apologises for mistake when naming new beer

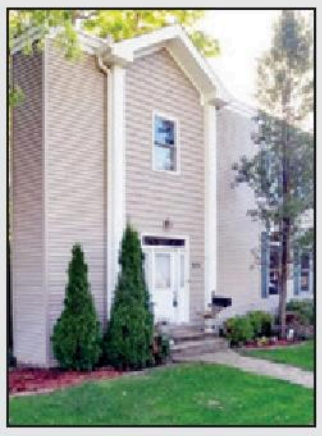
Canada: Hell's Basement, a brewery in Canada, has issued an apology after learning the true meaning behind the name of one of their beers.

The brewery recently launched a pale ale called Huruhuru, which they believed meant 'feather', as they wanted to show their beer was 'light as a feather.' But it turns out, in Māori the word has multiple meanings and is also commonly known to mean 'pubic hair'.

The are not the only ones who accidentally made this mistake, a leather store in New Zealand also features 'huruhuru' branding.

Following the controversy, the brewery's co-founder Mike Patriquin has said the company will be re-branding the drink.

'Skinny house' for sale is puzzling viewers



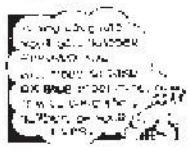
Deerfield: A house, dubbed as the 'skinny house,' is currently for sale in Deerfield, Illinois and it's gone viral due to it's architecture. People have been left scratching their heads after a video of a 'skinny house' went viral on social media.

The housey, which is also known as 'Pie House,' is currently on sale for just under $270,000 (£206,999). Social media users were puzzled by the bizarre home due to it's small size and many couldn't understand how anyone would be able to live in it.

It's called the 'Pie House', because like a slice of pie, it's smaller at one end and gradually gets wider towards the other side. The property is also said to feature two bedrooms, with one located in the basement, as well as two and a half bath.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What are the best foods to help my gall bladder?



Even if you have already had your gall bladder removed, these foods and supplements will benefit your liver: Beets or beet extracts, artichoke and sauerkraut. Also take bile salts or ox bile.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

No power supply on Aug.12, 13 and 14

Mysuru, Aug. 11-Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will disrupted on Aug. 12,13 and 14 between 10 and 5 pm in the following places:

Aug. 12

Jyothinagar Power Distribution Centre: Jalapuri, Gayathripuram, Udayagiri, Kyathamaranahalli, Shanthinagar 1st and 2nd Stages, Ganeshnagar, Sathyanagar, Mahadevapura Road, German Press, Ghousianagar, Raghavendranagar, Giriyabhovipalya, Yaraganahalli, Bannur Road.

Megalapura Power Distribution Centre: Megalapura, Keelanapura, Siddaramanahundi, M.C. Hundi, Inam Utthanahalli, Kuppegala, Muddegowdanahundi, Ranganathapura, Sreenivasapura, Devegowdanahundi, Yadakola, Kadavekatte Hundi, Hosahalli, Gurukarapura, Duddageri, Mahadevi Colony, Lakshmipura, Madhavagere, Varakodu, Paper Mill, Kupya, Bommanayakanahalli, K.P. Hundi and surrounding areas.

Parinamipura Power Distribution Centre: Holesalu, Kalihundi, Parinamipura, Kaveripura, Moodalahundi, Banave, Medini, Madavadi villages and Gram Panchayat (GP) limits.

Bannur Power Distribution Centre: Bannur town, Kodagalli, Bisihalli, Heggur, Athalli, Kethupura, Rangasamudra villages and GP limits.

Talakadu Power Distribution Centre: Talakadu, B. Shettahalli, Banave, Doddapura, Hemmige villages and GP limits.

Maliyuru Power Distribution Centre: Maliyuru and Heggur villages and GP limits.

Hura Power Distribution Centre: Kandegala, Moodalahundi, Hosakadajetti, Halekadajetti, Ariyuru, Jalahalli, Hadanur, Odeyanapura, Mahadevanagar, Beredevanapura, Hadya, Maduvinahalli, Eregowdanahundi, Naganapura, Hosavidu, Chilkalli, Hediyala, Parvathypura, Venatachalapura, Anjanapura, Hura, Channapatna, Kotthanahalli Colony, Devarayashettypura, Balluruhundi, Indiranagar, Rajanagar, Hallare, Malkundi villages and GP limits.

Aug. 13

Hullahalli Power Distribution Centre: Shiramalli, Heggadahalli, Haginavalu, Rampura, Hullahalli, Nellitalapura, Kurihundi, Haradanahalli and Duggahalli villages and GP limits.

Aug. 14

Doora Power Distribution Centre: Bidaragodu, Kembalu, Hallikerehundi, Byalaru villages and GP limits, according to a press release from Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation Limited (CESC).

Really...?

- *Penguins can convert salt water into fresh water.*
- *Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise.*
- *Snakes are immune (protected) to their own poison.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

What is the height of hope?

It is sitting in the exam hall, holding the question paper in hand and telling yourself "DON'T WORRY EXAMS WILL GET POSTPONED !"

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.84
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1 Euro	= Rs. 87.82

VOICE OF THE READER

UGD problem in R.K. Nagar G-Block

Sir,

Foul smell is emanating from the UGD in First Cross, G-Block, Ramakrishnanagar (R.K.Nagar) under Ward 58 for the last 3 to 4 months causing nuisance and health hazards to the residents.

I had complained this to MCC about 3 to 4 times and they promptly attended and cleaned the manhole with the help of jetting machine. But the problem is not solved. The drainage smell still persists and in fact it has increased after the rains posing health problems.

I am of the opinion that new UGD pipes have to be replaced against old ones which were laid 30 years back. This is a serious issue and the area Corporator seems to be unaware of this.

On behalf of the residents, I request the MCC Health Officer to inspect and take immediate steps to solve the issue.

—K.S. Gopinath

R.K. Nagar
8.8.2020

Valedictory of online exams coaching

Mysuru, Aug. 11 (RKB&SD)- The valedictory ceremony of two-month online coaching classes for aspirants taking up KAS and other competitive exams, conducted by the Competitive Examination Coaching Centre (CECC) of Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) will be held tomorrow (Aug. 12) at 11 am.

In a press release, KSOU Registrar Prof. Lingaraj Gandhi said senior IAS Officer P. Manivannan will be virtually participating in the valedictory from Bengaluru and address the aspirants. KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Vidyashankar will preside and release a reference book 'Mukta Bhandara.' Chief Administrative Officer of Karnataka Rural Infrastructure Development Corporation A.M. Yogesh and BBMP Special Commissioner Basavaraju will also be present.

According to co-ordinator of KSOU Competitive Training Centre Jainahalli Satyanarayana Gowda, ever since its inception in 2011, KSOU has been conducting various coaching classes for competitive exams including UPSC and KPSC. The 60-day coaching for aspirants taking up KAS and other competitive exams began on June 10. Over 450 candidates from different parts of the State participated and tomorrow (Aug. 12) is the last day of two-month online coaching session.

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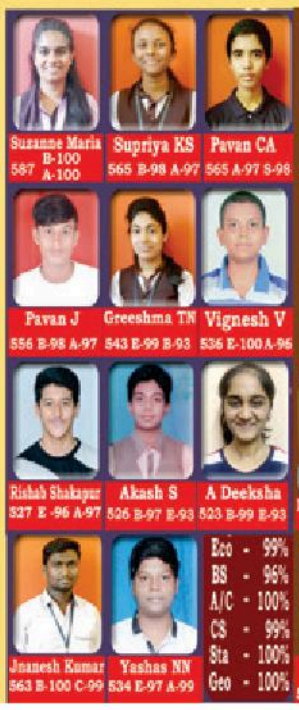
Commerce Toppers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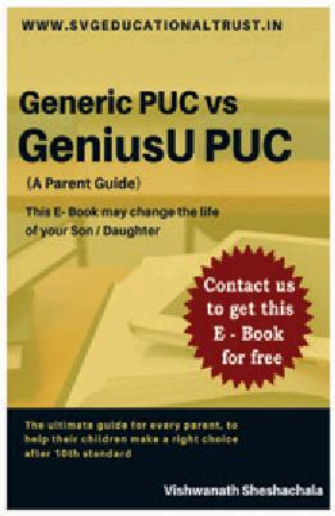
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ATI to celebrate Librarians' Day

On the occasion of Librarians' Day, commemorating the birth anniversary of Dr. S.R. Ranganathan, who is considered as the father of Library Science, Data Analytics and e-Governance division of Administrative Training Institute (ATI), Mysuru, in association with Department of Public Libraries and District Training Institute, has organised a programme for children tomorrow (Aug. 12). Arivu School teacher Rajani will be conducting a quiz programme from 2 pm and story telling session from 3.30 pm. Bhavageete and Janapada songs will also be rendered. Interested persons including primary and high school students can participate in this online programme, which will be hosted on Google Meet, by logging onto https://meet.google.com/gdu-jzco-qgj

National Award

The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment has invited applications from individuals and organisations who have strived for the welfare of the specially-abled to present the National Award for the year 2020. Applications can be downloaded from www.disabilityaffairs.gov.in and submitted to the District Officer, Dept. for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, Tilak Nagar, Mysuru, before Aug. 17. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2490333.

Appointed as Notary

Advocate P.O. Adinarayana has been appointed as a Notary by the Government of India and is authorised to practice as such throughout Mysuru district for a period of five years. Adinarayana is a resident of Kanakadasanagar in city.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	121.12 ft
Yesterday	119.45 ft
Inflow	40,794 cusecs
Outflow	16,240 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,283.50 ft
Inflow	25,116 cusecs
Outflow	7,350 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Yesterday	2,855.56 ft
Inflow	9,177 cusecs
Outflow	2,863 cusecs

Illegal drawing of water

VV Water Works seize pumpsets

Mysuru, Aug. 11 (PM&KS)- The officials of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and Vani Vilas Water Works (VVWW), who raided several houses at Kurubarahalli for illegally pumping of water from the main water pipeline using water pumps, have seized the water pumps.

The MCC and VVWW officials, with the help of Police and area Corporator, not only raided the houses and seized the water pumps, but also issued a stern warning of initiating legal action if the illegal activity repeats again.

The officials, who raided houses on 1st, 2nd and 3rd crosses at Kurubarahalli, seized eight water pumps that were being used to draw water illegally.

VVWW Water Supply Workshop (East Sub-Division) Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE) B.G. Vinaykumar, speaking to *Star of Mysore*, said that several warnings were given to stop drawing water illegally, but the warnings were ignored and illegal drawing of water continued. Hence, raids were conducted yesterday and water pumps that were being used to illegally pump water were seized.

He further said that if the people continue the illegal activity, penalty would be imposed on them and added that the operation to stop illegal pumping of water would continue.

Pointing out that there were several complaints pertaining to illegal drawing of water across the city, Vinaykumar said that two vehicles to go around the city to keep a watch on such illegal activity was launched on June 26 and added that one vehicle would go around area coming under the East Sub-Division and the other would go around areas coming under the West Sub-Division.

Divorce issue: Man stabs wife in Advocate's office

Periyapatna, Aug. 11 (KS)- An issue pertaining to a divorce case resulted in a man stabbing his wife with a knife at the advocate's office in Periyapatna yesterday.

The man, who stabbed his wife, is 33-year-old Raghu of Honnur village, while the woman has been identified as 26-year-old Mamatha. While Mamatha has been admitted to K.R. Hospital at Mysuru in a serious condition, Raghu has surrendered to the Police.

Raghu had married Mamatha of Chapparadalli village eight years ago and were residing at Bylakuppe. The couple has two children and were leading a happy life. But about two months ago, Mamatha had gone missing and appeared before Bylakuppe Police along with her lover identified as Arun after a few days.

She (Mamatha) had given a written statement to the Police stating that she would be going with her lover and left the Police Station, according to the Police.

After Mamatha left with her lover, the two children were staying with Raghu.

After mutual consent, Raghu and Mamatha had come to the office of Advocate K. Bhaskar at Periyapatna to apply for divorce. The advocate, after obtaining their signatures, left for the Court to file a divorce case, it is learnt.

Soon after advocate Bhaskar left, an argument began between Raghu and Mamatha. When the argument escalated, Raghu allegedly took out a knife and stabbed Mamatha several times in the advocate's office.

Assuming Mamatha to be dead, Raghu went to the Police Station and surrendered himself.

Raghu *Mamatha*

The public, who saw Mamatha lying in a pool of blood at the advocate's office, admitted her to Periyapatna General Hospital, where she was provided first-aid and was later rushed to K.R. Hospital in Mysuru, where she is said to be battling for life.

Based on the complaint filed by advocate Bhaskar, the Police, who have arrested Raghu, have registered a case and are investigating.

Meanwhile, Circle Inspector Pradeep told *Star of Mysore* that after the advocate left for the Court from his Office, the couple, who was still in the advocate's office, began to argue and Raghu in a fit of rage stabbed Mamatha.

Obituary

M.H. Puttaswamaiah

Mysuru, Aug. 11- M.H. Puttaswamaiah (75), a resident of Andani Circle in Vidyaranyapuram, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife Lakshmi, two sons, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held this morning, according to family sources.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandya

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	66
Total positive cases	:	2,624
Total discharges	:	1,349
Total deaths	:	24
Total active cases	:	1,251

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	70
Total positive cases	:	1,227
Total discharges	:	815
Total deaths	:	21
Total active cases	:	391

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	29
Total positive cases	:	701
Total discharges	:	428
Total deaths	:	11
Total active cases	:	262

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	126
Total positive cases	:	3,602
Total discharges	:	1,309
Total deaths	:	104
Total active cases	:	2,189

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SSLC EXAM RESULTS 2019-20 DISTINCTION HOLDER

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SAN- 123
ENG- 98
KAN- 100
MAT- 100
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NIHAL PRAKASH-617

SAN- 125
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SAN- 124
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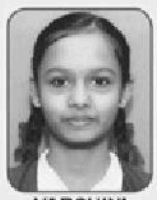

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SAN- 125
ENG- 99
KAN- 100
MAT- 100
SCI- 92
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27 STUDENTS

STATUS OF SSLC RESULTS 2020

% Achieved	96.54	600 & Above	27
Students appeared	318	Distinction	165

100/100 ACHIEVED

I Language (SAN)	09	III Language (HINDI)	20
I Language (KAN)	01	MATHEMATICS	04
II Language (ENG)	02	SCIENCE	04
III Language (KAN)	26	SOCIAL SCIENCE	09

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JAYANTH S-598

KAN- 117
ENG- 94
HIN- 95
MAT- 98
SCI- 95
SOC- 99

EMMANUAL ANTONY CLEMENT - 598

SAN- 115
ENG- 91
KAN- 95
MAT- 99
SCI- 100
SOC- 98

STATUS OF SSLC RESULTS 2020

% Achieved	92.85
Students appeared	42
Distinction	12

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Now COVID is the great leveller

Point of VIEW

T.J.S. George

Unity of the unexpected kind is in the air. Karnataka's Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa caught COVID and went into quarantine, complete with hospital shirt. Soon after the news was out, Opposition Leader Siddharamaiah also caught COVID and went into hospital. Declaring solidarity with both of them, Amit Shah in Delhi got the virus and went into a private hospital. Thanks to COVID, India is uniting into one wholesome viral family.

This could well be the way forward for our country. As everyone knows, we have been having factional fights among our leaders over all kinds of reasons. Ideology was the reason when Leftists and Rightists fought. That was okay because Left-Right was seen in those days as a natural and not unhealthy way to divide a nation. The situation became complicated when Hindutva entered the scene and became a major player. It divided even Hindus into Good Hindus and Bad Hindus, the definitions of Good and Bad depending on your angle of vision. Now it looks that the future can be better if we get divided into COVID Indians and non-COVID Indians.

But politicians interfere there also and make things more confused and complicated. Just when we thought we could divide ourselves into new modernistic groups, COVID Yediyurappa visited COVID Siddharamaiah in hospital. If they had left it at a formalistic photo-op level, things would have been all right.

But they got into a friendly chat, became extraordinarily happy and started laughing their hearts out. They turned COVID into a uniting force. Where is covidised politics taking our country?

We turn to Delhi where the wisest in the country are in positions of power. We would have expected a sagacious Home Minister to guide us along the right path in such a situation. But before COVID got him, he was busy telling the world how successful India was in handling the situation. He had his own way of measuring success. According to him, India's death rate from the virus was lower than that of other countries. "That shows we have fought this fight very well," he said. In other words, Brazil's inefficiency is the yardstick with which India's efficiency should be measured. Actually, India has recorded the fastest growth of the epidemic and the third highest number of total cases. Now that Amit Shah himself has become one of those cases, hopefully India will become more pragmatic in handling the problem.

But one thing is already clear. This unexpected, unfamiliar and arrogant pandemic has been too much for our health infrastructure to handle. Close to 50,000 infections were said to be adding to the count every day. This may not include interior areas which lie beyond the regular beat of medical personnel. Let us not forget, also, that India's testing rate is one of the lowest among the hard-hit countries. If we take such factors into account, the actual numbers could be frightening. But nobody is going to be frightened now that Karnataka's popular leaders seem to be enjoying their time in hospital. With the general public's follow-the-leader mentality, chances are that COVID might become not just a fashion, but a mark of patriotism. Yediyurappa-Siddharamaiah certainly gave the impression that COVID was an enjoyable experience. Who can blame the more ardent followers of these leaders if they try to get COVID as a mark of loyalty.

The grim side of the situation was brought to light by the Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi, Manish Sisodia. In a letter to the all-powerful Lieutenant General of Delhi, the not-powerful Minister said that the closure of weekly markets had forced five lakh families to sit idle in their homes. He urged the re-opening of hotels and markets since COVID had been brought under control. Not to do so would be "unfair to Delhi's economic situation and hopes of lakhs of people." The Lt. Gen. was not impressed. He turned down the Cabinet's proposal/request on the ground that "the situation remains fragile."

The elected government had to bow to the appointed officer. That the consequences of COVID are being welcomed by many people is beyond doubt. The lockdown it has brought about in many countries may have rendered millions jobless, but it has also made thousands happy — happy that they can sit at home and enjoy life. If you have wherewithal that enables you to live without work, you are among the privileged who can ignore COVID. Moral of the story: The world is divided into those who COVID mocks at and those who mock at COVID.

Sugar baron garlands Krishnaraja Wadiyar Statue in city ahead of *puja* at Pandavapura Sugar factory

Mandya District Minister K.C. Narayanagowda, MP Sumalatha, Melukote MLA C.S. Puttaraju and a host of Seers attend reopening ceremony

Mysuru, Aug.11 (RK&DM)-Ahead of the re-opening ceremony of Pandavapura Sahakara Sakkare Karkhane (PSSK) at Pandavapura in Mandya District today, Chairman of Nirani Sugars (MRN Group) Murugesh Nirani, a BJP MLA from Bilgi in Bagalkot District, who has taken over the Sugar factory on a 40-year lease, garlanded the statue of the erstwhile Mysore Maharaja Sri Krishnaraja Waidyar at K.R. Circle in the heart of the city this morning as a tribute to the visionary ruler.

Speaking to presspersons, Nirani, also a former Minister, said that he has chosen the day (Aug.11) for the re-opening of the decades-old PSSK which was closed for years, to mark Krishna Janmashtami and also his own birthday.

Pointing out that PSSK will re-open today with performance of puja for Boilers and Bhoomi Puja for enhancement of the existing crushing capacity of 3,500 tonnes per day to 5,000, he said that he is blessed to get the factory located in Mysuru region and serve the people of Mysuru and Mandya districts.

Maintaining that sugarcane crushing will commence in the factory by Aug.20, he said that he was hopeful that the revival of the factory would greatly help in changing the economic fortunes of the farming community of Mandya district.

Stating that PSSK has so far received 12,000 applications from unemployed youths for jobs, he said that such a huge number of applications show the gravity of unemployment problem and he would strive his best for boosting rural economy.

Srirama Sugar Factory

Referring to his takeover of Chunchanakatte's Srirama Sugar Factory too, the sugar baron said that he is the lone bidder for the factory and he was cent percent hopeful of bagging the contract for running the factory on a 40-year lease just like that of PSSK.

Replying to a query on his reported attempts to take over the prestigious MySugar at Mandya as well, he said that he will bid for it once the Government invites tenders.The highest bidder will bag the tender and the process will be conducted in a fair and transparent manner, he added.

MLA L.Nagendra, City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa and other local party leaders were present on the occasion.

International Airport near Srirangapatna proposed

(Continued from page 1)

First Airstrip Survey held: Sudhakar Shetty

Reacting on the development, Sudhakar S. Shetty, former President, Federation of Karnataka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FKCCI), told *Star of Mysore* that when he was at the helm of FKCCI, he along with NR Constituency MLA Tanveer Sait had floated the idea of one more airport on Mysuru - Bengaluru Highway near K. Shettahalli for the overall development of the region. Moreover, the KIA will soon reach its saturation point and it takes hours to reach the central areas of Bengaluru from the Airport amidst maddening traffic.

"I had spoken to the then Civil Aviation Minister and Karnataka CM and at my insistence the first Airstrip Survey was conducted. The land that was identified for the new Airport is near K. Shettahalli on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road," he said.

Proposal with Centre

At K. Shettahalli there is a 900-acre Government land that has not been utilised. "The new International Airport can come up on this land and we can have more land acquired, considering the fact that KIA is spread across 4,000 acres. The proposal is already there with the Central Government and things must be set in motion from there," he said.

Sudhakar Shetty reasoned that the new International Airport will boost the economy of the entire region comprising Bengaluru, Ramanagara, Mandya, Mysuru, Kodagu and make it an economic powerhouse with connectivity. "More and more industries and technology giants can set up companies and the connectivity will be superb with the existing Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway being widened to a 10-lane Highway and the Railway Double tracking being completed. Plus there is Bengaluru-Mysuru Infrastructure Corridor (BMIC) — NICE Road. All these will make journey to Bengaluru smoother and faster," he added.

MLA Tanveer Sait reacts

When contacted, MLA Tanveer Sait also said that the sprawling 900-acre land belonging to Social Forestry near K. Shettahalli in Srirangapatna Taluk was an ideal location for an international airport as it was in close proximity to major destinations.

Referring to the existing Mysore Airport at Mandakalli, Sait was of the opinion that it could continue as a Flying Club dedicated to flying of Microlight Aircraft and Aviation Studies. Also there is no provision to divert the Nanjangud Highway which has resulted in the major roadblock for the much-awaited Mysore Airport Runway expansion, he opined.

Meanwhile, MP Pratap Simha, who is presently in Kodagu overseeing flood relief operations along with District Minister V. Somanna, was not reachable on his mobile phone due to poor network connection.

Re-opening Bharachukki Falls and Dargah

Ch'nagar DC orders preparations

Chamarajanagar, Aug. 11- With the Government announcing COVID-19 lockdown relaxations in phases and measures for gradual opening up of the tourism sector, Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. M.R. Ravi has directed officials to make preparations for opening the famous Bharachukki Falls and the nearby Dargah for tourists by Thursday.

Due to lockdown, Bharachukki Falls on Chamarajanagar district side along Chamarajanagar-Mandya border (Gaganachukki, the twin of Bharachukki Falls, is located on Mandya district side) and the famous Dargah located close to it, were shut for visitors a few months ago after the Government declared a nationwide COVID-19 lockdown.

Speaking at a meeting held in this regard at Chamarajanagar on Sunday, Dr. Ravi said that Bharachukki Falls usually attracts a lot of tourists every year and with the falls regaining its full glory due to copious rainfall in catchment areas and huge discharges from Dams, the authorities must make all necessary preparations for re-opening the falls to tourists.

Referring to wild elephant menace during evenings at Bharachukki, he said that officials have brought to his notice that elephants have destroyed railings at some points around the falls.

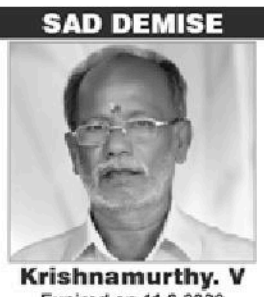
He directed the officials to repair or replace the destroyed railings. Also, the toilets and drinking water facilities at the tourist spot must be kept ready.

Dr. Ravi also instructed the Police to erect signboards and provide parking facilities for tourists. Stressing on the need for tourists to follow COVID-19 measures such as wearing of face masks, maintenance of physical distancing and use of hand sanitisers, he said that all safety and security measures must be put in place at the spot.

As far as Dargah is concerned, he said that measures must be taken for ensuring hygiene at the spot, safety of visitors and vehicle parking facilities. He directed the officials to visit the spot and submit a report in this regard.

Additional SP Anita Haddannanavar, Assistant Commissioner Nikhita M. Chinnaswamy, M.M. Hills Wildlife Division Conservator of Forests V. Yedukondalu and other officials were present.

SAD DEMISE



Krishnamurthy. V
Expired on 11.8.2020
Gone from our sight but not from our hearts your absence is always felt
Sorrowing: Family members

Krishna Janmashtami celebrated in city

Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra seen showering flower petals to the idol of Sri Krishna on the occasion of** Krishna Janmashtami **celebration at a function organised by the District Administration at Maneyangala in Kalamandira this morning as Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) B.S. Manjunathaswamy, Kannada and Culture Assistant Director H. Channappa, Corporator Geetha Yoganand, former Deputy Mayor Pushpavalli, Sathyanarayana, Shivappa, Javaregowda and others look on.

JSS Ayurveda Hospital releases immune boosting kit

Mysuru, Aug. 11 (RKB&SD)- Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji released Ayurvedic immune boosting kit of JSS Ayurveda Hospital, at a programme organised at Suttur Mutt at the foot of Chamundi Hill here yesterday.

Speaking after releasing the kit, Suttur Seer said, "Ayurveda has given equal importance to both preventive and curative measures for the maintenance of our health. Herbs, which are the main ingredients in ancient Ayurvedic medical system, cause no side effects to the patients. In the present situation, it is very important to have good immunity to effectively combat Corona infection. This immune boosting kit containing various Ayurvedic herbs and enhances our body's natural defence mechanism. Chyawanprash is a comprehensive herbal tonic. This antioxidant-rich health supplement promotes health and longevity. Additionally, Swamala compound contains gold and silver. Haridra rasa (turmeric extract) has anti-inflammatory, anti-infective and antiseptic properties and enhances the body's defence mechanism when taken with warm milk. Kashaya churna containing tulsi, ginger, cinnamon, Maricha, Ashwagandha, Guduchi, Vidanga, Yashtimadhu and Pippali and having antioxidant properties improve general health. Rakshogna Dhoopa contains guggulu, neem leaves, Haritaki, Vacha, White Mustard, barley and sambrani. Fumigation prevents microbes and harmful pathogens in the environment. Anu Taila nasal drops cleanses, purifies and strengthens the nasal passage."

Executive Secretary of JSS Mahavidyapeetha Dr. C.G. Betsurmath explained the salient features of immunity kit and said that the immunity kit is now available at JSS Ayurveda Hospital on Lalithadri Road, JSS Jan Aushadhi Store in JSS Old Hospital premises and JSS Hospital on MG Road.

JSS Ayurveda College Principal Sarveshwara, JSS Mahavidyapeetha's Shivakumaraswamy, staff members of JSS Ayurveda Hospital and others were present.

60 percent implementation of Vidyagama scheme in Mysuru

Mysuru, Aug. 11 (SPN&BCT)- In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Education Department has launched Vidyagama, a continuous learning plan for children. In Mysuru district, the scheme has been implemented in 60 percent of school children.

Under the scheme, every child is covered which also promotes self-learning in children. Special attention is given to out-of-school and specially-abled children while food materials of the midday meal scheme will be sent to the homes of Government and aided school children.

Every school must form a virtual class with 20-25 students and appoint a mentor. Based on the geographical area of their residences, children are grouped from classes 1-5 as one group, 6-8 as another, and 8-10 as yet another. Parents and children are guided to continue their self-learning at home making use of the learning materials provided.

Education Department officials told *Star of Mysore* that except for areas hit by floods, the rest 60 to 65 percent of the children have been included in the scheme and the ambitious project has been implemented.

Block Education Officers of the respective areas have been successful in convincing parents. Free books have been distributed at cluster level and 90 percent of the task has been completed, said officials.

Children are grouped in different categories — those without any type of technology-based gadgets, including mobile phones, those with mobiles but no Internet access, and those with computers/ tabs/ smart phones with Internet access. Learning process is continued as per the requirement, the officials added.

Mentors are visiting homes of children in their neighbourhood as many times as possible in a week to monitor their progress in learning and co-curricular activities. These meetings are conducted in community centres, houses of village elders and other halls following the norms of social distancing strictly.

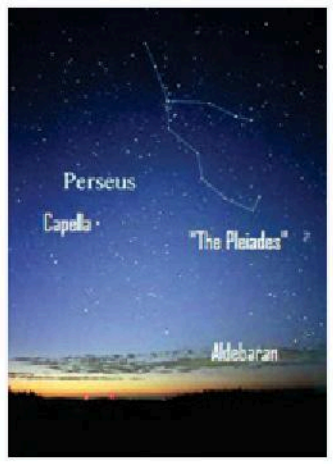
In Mysuru, the Vidyagama scheme has been implemented in all the taluks and Periyapatna taluk stands at 55 percent implementation, Hunsur (72 percent), H.D. Kote (60 percent), K.R. Nagar (70 percent), T. Narasipur (65 percent), and Nanjangud (68 percent). In Mysuru city and taluk, 70 percent of the students have been covered under the scheme, officials added.

Hunsur Block Education Officer Nagaraj said that there are over 20,000 students studying from first standard to 10th in the taluk and 72 percent students have been covered under Vidyagama.

"They have already started academic activities. There is a hindrance of bringing students under the scheme in tribal hadis and flood-affected areas. They too will be covered in a couple of days," he added.

SKYWATCH

Perseid Meteor Showers to light up the night sky



Indians are privileged to witness astounding Perseid Meteor Showers in the month of August. It is an exceptional celestial spectacle for sky observers that the extravagant yearly **'Perseid' showers will illuminate the night sky on Aug. 11 and 12.**

"Perseids" is a meteor shower that reaches its peak about August 12 every year, but its meteors can be seen for about three weeks around this date. At least a dozen historic chronicles are known of this shower between 36 AD and 1451 AD. The shower was known as the "tears of St. Lawrence", after the Saint whose festival is near the time of maximum.

In 1866, the Italian astronomer Giovanni Virginio Schiaparelli (1835-1910) demonstrated that the 'Perseids' had the same orbit as the comet 1862 III.

The location of Perseids can be anywhere in the night sky which will be absolutely resplendent. Wobbly meteors will emerge, as biting, diminutive smudges while the brighter Perseids will hover across the sky for numerous seconds parting a succinct trajectory of shimmering smoke. The Perseids are probably the most-watched annual meteor shower. The shower has a very long duration, from about July 17 through August 25. The shower is most interesting around its peak on August 12 or 13.

The second quarter moon will block out some of the fainter meteors this year, but the Perseids are so bright and numerous that it should still be a good show. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Perseus, but can appear anywhere in the sky.

The Perseid meteor shower is an annual meteor shower that is extremely regular in its timing and can potentially be visible for weeks in the late summer sky, depending on weather and location. The Perseid meteor shower is named after the constellation Perseus, which is located in roughly the same point of the night sky where the Perseid meteor shower appears to originate from.

This is a useful naming convention, but not very accurate! The source of the Perseid meteor shower is actually debris from the comet Swift-Tuttle. Every year, the earth passes through the debris cloud left by the comet when the earth's atmosphere is bombarded by what is popularly known as "falling stars."

In 2019, visibility was somewhat limited by a crescent moon on August 13 which likely wiped out fainter meteors from view. Because of the way the earth hits this debris cloud, the Perseid meteor shower is much more visible in the Northern hemisphere.

For Northern Hemisphere observers, August is usually regarded as "meteor month" with one of the best displays of the year reaching its peak near mid-month. That display is, of course, the annual Perseid Meteor Shower beloved by everyone from meteor enthusiasts to summer campers. But sky-watchers beware: we will be facing a major obstacle in the attempt to observe this year's Perseid performance, namely, the Moon. The Moon will be hovering below and to the left of the Great Square of Pegasus that night and not all that far from the constellation 'Perseus', from where the meteors will appear to emanate (hence the name "Perseid"). But amateur astronomers or serious sky-gazers need not mind about Full Moon, as the peak of Perseid meteor shower is Aug. 12.

On the peak morning in 2020, the Moon will be at or slightly past its last quarter phase, so Moonlight will somewhat mar this year's production. The meteoric sparkles will obviously last a fortnight; the finest screening is possible during pre-dawn hours. Rates for most observers will probably top out at around 40-50 Perseids per hour, with a few sporadic and minor shower meteors added to the mix. Enjoy watching Perseid Meteor Shower.

—Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishna

Amateur Astronomer and Convener, Mysore Astronomical Society

SSLC: Mandya boy among six State toppers with 625/625

Dheeraj *Sannidhi* *Chirayu* *Anush* *Nikhilesh* *Thanmayi*

Mandya, Aug. 11- M.P. Dheeraj Reddy of Sri Sathyasai Saraswathi English Medium Boys' School in Mandya is among the six students in the State who have scored 625 out of 625 in the SSLC exam, results of which were announced yesterday.

The other five State toppers are: Sannidhi Mahabaleshwar Hegde of Marikamba PU College, Sirsi, K.S. Chirayu of Schoenstatt St. Mary's High School, Nikhilesh N. Murali of Poorna Prajna Education Centre, A.L. Anush from Kumaraswamy English Medium High School in Subramanya, Dakshina Kannada and P. Thanmayi of St. Joseph's Convent Girls High School, Chikkamagaluru.

The Primary and Secondary Education Department announced the results of the examination that was held in June-July. The State's pass percentage dipped to 71.80% from 73.70% the previous year. Out of the 8,11,050 students, 5,82,316 students have cleared the exam, while 18,067 candidates remained absent due to the pandemic. In a remarkable feat, six students scored full marks.

This year, the Department introduced a grading system instead of rankings for districts. In the new system, 10 districts, including Chikkaballapura and Bengaluru Rural, received A grade, 20 districts got B grade and four districts C grade.

Like every year, girls outshined boys with a pass percentage of 77.74% compared to 66.41% for boys. Rural students have fared better than their urban counterparts with 77.18% as against 73.41% by urban students. While 11 students scored 624 marks, 43 scored 623, 56 scored 622, 68 secured 621 and 117 scored 620 marks out of 625.

The Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board said it would issue provisional marks cards from Tuesday.

Second PU supplementary exam time-table announced

Bengaluru, Aug. 11 - The following is the time-table of the Second PU Supplementary Exams, according to M. Kanagavalli, Director, Department of Pre-University Education.

The exams will be held from Sept. 7 to 18 in two sessions. The morning session will be held from 10.15 am to 1.30 pm and the afternoon session will be held from 2.15 pm to 5.30 pm.

Sept. 7: Morning - Urdu and Sanskrit; Afternoon - Information Technology, Retail, Automobile, Health Care, Beauty and Wellness and Home Science.

Sept. 8: Morning - History, Statistics and Biology.

Sept. 9: Morning - Hindi; Afternoon - Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Marathi, Arabic and French.

Sept. 10: Morning - English.

Sept. 11: Morning - Optional Kannada, Electronics and Computer Science; Afternoon - Karnatak Music, Hindustani Music and Geology.

Sept. 12: Morning - Economics and Physics.

Sept. 13: Sunday - Holiday

Sept. 14: Morning - Logic, Business Studies, Chemistry and Education.

Sept. 15: Morning - Kannada.

Sept. 16: Morning - Political Science and Basic Maths.

Sept. 17: Morning - Sociology, Accountancy and Mathematics.

Sept. 18: Morning - Geography; Afternoon- Psychology.

Ranking for districts scrapped,

to be graded on three key parameters

Bengaluru, Aug. 11- To put an end to the unhealthy competition among districts in SSLC results, the Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board (KSEEB) has scrapped the district-wise ranking system from this year.

Instead of rankings, KSEEB has introduced grading system which will be calculated using three main parameters. Explaining this to reporters during the press conference, Dr. K.G. Jagadeesha, Commissioner, Department of Public Instruction, said, "the ranking for districts had led to unhealthy competition among districts and to do away with it, we have introduced grading system after discussing with the panel of experts in the Board."

From this year on, districts will be awarded A, B and C grades. To calculate this, the Board gives 40 percentage weightage for overall pass percentage of the district, 40% for average marks scored by students (pass/fail) and 20 percentage weightage to the number of students who get distinctions and first class marks in the exams.

This year 10 districts received A grade, 20 got B grade and 4 got C grade.

A Grade: Chikkaballapur, Bengaluru Rural, Madhugiri, Mandya, Chitradurga, Kolar, Udupi, Ramanagar, Hassan, Uttara Kannada

B Grade: Chamarajanagar, Mangaluru, Ballari, Tumakuru, Sirsi, Bengaluru North, Davangere, Kodagu, Shivamogga, Chikkamagaluru, Mysuru, Kalaburagi, Koppal, Bidar, Vijayapura, Bagalkot, Dharwad, Raichur, Bengaluru South, Chikkodi.

C Grade: Belagavi, Gadag, Haveri, Yadgir.

Mysuru slips to 21st position from previous 17th

Mysuru, Aug. 11- In the SSLC results, Mysuru district has slipped down to 21st position from the previous 17th place and has secured B Grade in the co-curricular activities.

> The final list of how many students have passed and how many have failed in the SSLC exams in Mysuru district has not been received yet from the Examination Board.
>
> — DDPI Dr. Panduranga

Among the 656 schools in Mysuru district, 221 schools which have secured good results are classified as A Grade, 205 schools - B Grade and 230 schools – C Grade.

As Periyapatna and Hunsur taluks has secured over 75 percent results, it has been awarded A Grade; H.D. Kote, K.R. Nagar, Nanjangud and Mysuru taluks which have secured 65 percent results have been given B Grade; T. Narasipur, Mysuru North Zone schools, which have got 60 percent results, are given C Grade.

'Genius You' Contest for SSLC pass students

Mysuru, Aug. 11- As part of Independence Day, 'Genius You' competition will be held for SSLC passed students at the premises of SVG Vishwa Prajna Composite PU College in Dattagalli. For the five prize winning students, two year free education will be provided in their choice of Science or Commerce stream in PUC. Also, annual fellowship of Rs.24,000 (Rs.2,000 per month) will be credited to their bank account. For details, e-mail: *management@svgeducationaltrust.in* or *svgeducationaltrust@yahoo.com* or call Mob: 70266-18531 or 70266-18532.

Organisations demand postponement of KAS Preliminary exam

Mysuru, Aug. 11 (RKB&KS)- Organisations such as Karnataka State Backward Classes Awareness Forum, Dalit Organisations Federation and Dalit Students Federation have demanded the postponement of the KAS Preliminary Exam conducted by KPSC which is scheduled to take place on Aug. 24.

Addressing a press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan here yesterday, Karnataka State Backward Classes Awareness Forum President K.S. Shivaramu said that nearly 20 percent of those who are to take up the exam are already Government servants who have been deployed for COVID duty and they need to prepare themselves for the exam. He added that it was not proper to victimise the KAS aspirants just to safeguard the interests of a few KPSC members and officials who are set to retire in a few months. KAS exams cannot be compared with SSLC exams, he said.

Dalit Organisations Federation Convenor P. Raju, Dalit Students Federation Hon. Advisor Sosale Mahesh and Youth leader R.K. Ravi were present.

Drawing competition for children on I-Day at Rail Museum

Mysuru, Aug. 11- Coinciding with the Independence Day celebrations, Mysuru Rail Museum will be organising an open drawing competition for children in the age group of 5-10 years on Aug. 15 in the Museum premises.

Entries may be submitted to P. Vijayakumar, Sr.Section Engineer on Mob: 9731667411 or 9739366668 by 5 pm on Aug. 14. All participants will get a complimentary gift from the museum.

The duration of the competition will be from 11 am to 1 pm. There will be no entry fee. Drawing sheets will be supplied by the organisers of the event while children have to carry their own Hard Board, water colours, crayons and pencil colours.

Theme of the drawing/painting shall be related to "Trains/ Train Travel" or any inspiration theme from Railway Museum.

Social distancing norms will be enforced and thermal screening will be done by museum authorities at entry point. Parents must ensure mask protocol for participating wards. Entry is free for the participant; accompanying guardian should purchase entry tickets to prevent overcrowding.

A select panel from the Railways will evaluate the drawing. The results will be declared and prizes will be distributed on the same day. The best three will receive prizes and certificates. The art work made by the children will remain in the Museum as display for a fortnight upto 31.8.2020, according to Priya Shetty, Divisional Commercial Manager and PRO, South Western Railway, Mysore Division.

WORD OF THE DAY

Grubstake

Pronunciation: GRUB-stayk.
Meaning: To provide with material assistance (such as a loan) for launching an enterprise or for a person in difficult circumstances.
Origin: Grubstake is a linguistic nugget that was dug up during the famous California Gold Rush, which began in 1848. Sometime between the first stampede and the early 1860s, when the gold-seekers headed off to Montana, prospectors combined grub ("food") and stake, meaning "an interest or share in an undertaking." At first grubstake was a noun, referring to any kind of loan or provisions that could be finagled to make an undertaking possible (with the agreement that the "grubstaker" would get a cut of any profits). By the 1870s, grubstake was also showing up as a verb meaning "to give someone a grubstake," and, since at least 1900, shortly after the Klondike Gold Rush, it has been applied to other situations in which a generous benefactor comes through with the funds.
Example: "When my entrepreneurial father had the bright idea to start a microfilm company, he asked my grandfather for financial help, only to be refused.... Eventually his brother, Frank, a doctor, grubstaked him for $500 to help start the company, a tidy sum in those days." — Phil Power

THE ODD WORD

Galactophagist

Milk drinker.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Give a man a fish

Meaning: It can be more beneficial in the long run to teach a person how to do something than to do that something for them. The full proverb (though the wording does vary) goes like this: 'Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach a man how to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.'
Origin: Teaching a person a useful skill can be more beneficial in the long run than filling a need temporarily, that's essentially the meaning of this proverb. So, for example, if you give a hungry man a fish then his hunger will be satisfied, but only for a short time. If, instead, the man were taught how to fish, then he could eat whenever he got hungry. Well, assuming he is able to catch a fish whenever he wants to. This phrase is at least 120 years old, as it can be found in a book from the mid to late 19th century. A writer named Anne Isabella Thackeray Ritchie wrote the saying down in a novel of hers called Mrs. Dymond, published in 1885: "He certainly doesn't practise his precepts, but I supposed the Patron meant that if you give a man a fish he is hungry again in an hour. If you teach him to catch a fish you do him a good turn." Anne Ritchie (the writer quoted above) is credited as the one who coined this phrase.

QUOTE BOX

Fishing in the right pond is better than fishing in the wrong river.

— Matshona Dhliwayo

RIDDLE THIS

What has legs, but doesn't walk?

Answer: A table.

SUDOKU

		2		1		5		
	6		5		2		9	
			9		3			
8		7				6		2
	3						1	
9		4				7		5
			3		4			
	7		8		6		4	
		9		7		8		

Answer to previous puzzle

7	3	2	9	4	8	6	5	1
9	1	8	6	2	5	4	3	7
6	5	4	7	3	1	9	8	2
3	2	6	5	1	9	7	4	8
1	7	9	3	8	4	2	6	5
4	8	5	2	7	6	1	9	3
5	4	1	8	9	2	3	7	6
2	6	3	4	5	7	8	1	9
8	9	7	1	6	3	5	2	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Compass point
5 Royal Air Force, acronym
8 Billy or Nanny
12 Kind and good
13 Electro-magnetic Interference
14 An increase in price
15 Risk or brave
16 Rock group ___ Leppard
17 __ __ where is : sales condition? (2,2)
18 Wood sorrel
19 Asia for one, Europe for another
21 Letters at end of page
23 Playback singer Arun
24 Inhabits or lives in
28 Sailor - "art" anagram?
31 Point or summit
32 Cashew for one, betel for another?
33 Asian sea
34 Communist, colloquially speaking
35 Celestial flash light
37 Short term mem.
38 BJP and their allies?
39 Legal declaration
44 No, in old and archaic English
47 Sunrise poetically speaking
48 Beat or thrash, a slang usage
49 Birds lay them
50 Curved moulding
51 A river of Scotland
52 First, second or third ____ on the cricket field?
53 Nav. readings
54 Place where pig's sty
55 Long or indefinite period; an age

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

S	E	T	I	■	I	S	M	■	C	F	I	T
A	S	H	A	■	M	L	I	■	O	U	C	H
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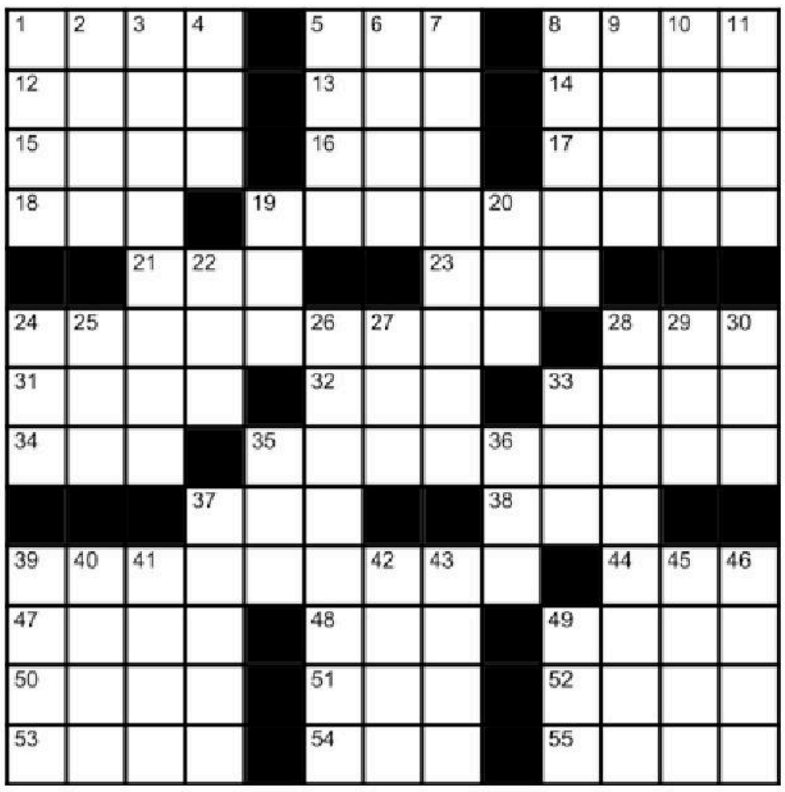
E	A	S	E	■	U	A	R	■	I	S	A	Y
S	L	E	D	■	E	R	I	■	N	E	R	O

DOWN

1 Internal as a prefix?
2 Artificial Intelligence Advisory Committee
3 Threw away or discarded as useless
4 Golfer's mound
5 Perform or accomplish again
6 Last word in a prayer
7 This run completes your half century?
8 Accra is its capital
9 French river
10 Related
11 Examination
19 Mountain pass
20 Instrument Landing Sys.
22 Dinner jacket
24 Average or normal
25 Unseal - poetically speaking!
26 Enlivens, gives life to
27 To pull hard
28 Geometrical figure
29 Hindi movie of days gone by - "An a" anagram
30 Ring Laser Gyro
33 In addition
35 Limited in short?
36 It can move mountains
37 Trigonometric terms
39 Biblical prophet
40 Perplexes, becomes or makes hazy
41 To disentangle
42 Widespread
43 Smudged with writing fluid
45 Exchange fee
46 Sports channel
49 Eur. Space Agcy



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

BSK ABHFCQ YKCBSKU JGUMCDK YGU JGUMKB;

BSK YOCDK JGUMCDK OYQ JGUMKB; BSK NCAK

JGUMCDK EHB QG YGB JGUMKB.

TODAY'S CLUE: Q EQUALS D

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I haven't slept for ten days, because that would be too long.

Soon, puja to resume
at Bhagamandala Temple

Madikeri, Aug. 11 (PS&DM)- The puja and other rituals at Bhagamandala's Bhagandeshwara Temple, which was disrupted due to landslides at Talacauvery, the birth place of River Cauvery, will resume soon.

The decision to resume puja was taken at a meeting held at a private hotel here yesterday, which was chaired by Kodagu District in-Charge Minister V. Somanna and attended by Virajpet MLA K.G. Bopaiah, MP Pratap Simha, MLC Sunil Subramani, DC Annies Kanmani Joy, SP Kshama Mishra, Bhagandeshwara Temple Committee Head and other members of the Committee.

The meeting resolved to restart puja and other rituals under the guidance of Tantris and the devotees once the Talacauvery Temple road is cleared for vehicular movement.

Speaking at the meeting, Bhagandeshwara Temple Management Committee President B.S. Thammaiah said that landslides that occurred near Talacauvery temple has disrupted daily pujas and rituals. Now it is necessary to restart the pujas under the guidance of Tantris.

Takka Chief Kodi Motaiah said that the pujas had to be stopped perhaps for the first time in the history of the temple due to huge landslides. Pointing out that the road to the temple has been blocked due to landslides, he opined that the daily rituals which were stopped a week ago must resume in keeping with the sentiment of the devotees, once the road is cleared.

Sannuvanda Kaverappa said that the ongoing works must be completed before Cauvery Teerthodbhava.

District Minister V. Somanna said that the pujas and rituals must be carried out as per the customs and traditions without any further disruption. He also said that the temple authorities must ensure that there are no lapses in the conduct of rituals.

MLA K.G. Bopaiah said that there should not be any unduly worries about the idol of the deity in the temple. Pointing out that it is important to continue rituals at the temple, he said that the guidance of Tantris is the way forward in the conduct of rituals.

Taking strong exception to some media reports that Bramhagiri Hills have collapsed under heavy rains and landslides, Bopaiah sought to correct the media saying that landslides have occurred at Gajagiri Hill and not Bramhagiri Hill.

The temple Executive Officer Jagadish and other officials too were present.

'I will stay in the district until the rescue operations are over,' says Somanna

Asserting that he will stay in the district until the rescue operations are over, District Minister V. Somanna said that officials have been directed to regularly update him on the progress of rescue works.

Presiding over a meeting on Talacauvery landslides rescue and relief operations here yesterday, Somanna said that the rescue personnel have been asked to work in shifts and carry out rescue operations in an effective and organised manner with the use of Hitachi machines that have arrived at the spot.

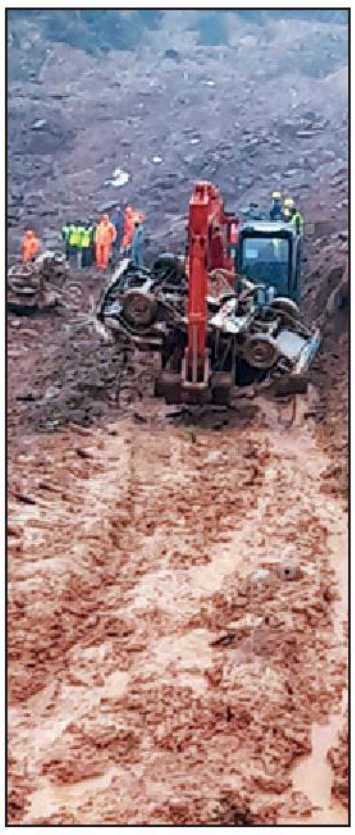
Directing the Tahsildar and Public Works Department (PWD) Engineers to stay put at the spot for monitoring the operations, he reiterated that top officials of the District Administration should continuously brief him on the progress of works. He also instructed the Health Department to deploy an ambulance at the spot for meeting any medical emergencies.

Nikhil Kumaraswamy to visit Kodagu district tomorrow

A week after huge landslips were reported near Talacauvery Temple, State Youth JD(S) President Nikhil Kumaraswamy, son of former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, will be visiting Kodagu district tomorrow (Aug.12) to take stock of the flood and natural disaster situation.

Nikhil is scheduled to arrive at 10 am and first visit Brahmagiri Hill near Talacauvery, after which he will travel to Karadigodu, Nelya Hudikeri, Napoklu, Kushalnagar and other flood-affected areas of the district, according to Kodagu Youth JD(S) President C.L. Vishwa.

Priest Narayanachar's vehicles found



In a major development concerning rescue operations, the rescue workers this morning found an Omni Van and a Duster SUV belonging to Bhagandeshwara Temple Chief Priest Narayanachar, who along with four other members of his family, went missing after the huge landslide. Both the vehicles were found beneath mounds of mud at a distance of 20 ft from the house of the Priest. The vehicles are completely damaged.

Meanwhile, despite the resumption of rains from early this morning after a brief gap, the rescue and relief works are going on without any disruption under the constant monitoring of officials. However, the flood situation across the district is under control and no landslides were reported from anywhere in the district today.

Daughters of missing Priest quarantined

In another development on Monday, the two daughters of Talacauvery Temple Priest Narayanachar, have been quarantined as the driver, who ferried them from the Airport to Madikeri, has tested positive for COVID-19. The two daughters, who are learnt to be living in Australia, arrived on Monday and were ferried from the Airport to Madikeri town in a Taxi. Later they visited the site of disaster and met District Minister V. Somanna who has been camping in the district for the past few days.

Thereafter, it transpired that the taxi driver tested positive for COVID-19, following which the two daughters were advised to go into quarantine, subsequent to the advise, both of them are in quarantine at Bhagamandala and were tested negative for COVID-19 this morning, it is learnt.

Mysore Palace open for public on all days
Sound & Light programme and Palace illumination suspended

Mysuru, Aug. 11- Mysore Palace is open for public on all days including Saturdays, Sundays and other public holidays since Aug. 8, according to the Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya.

The Palace will be open from 10 am to 5.30 pm.

However, the Sound and Light programme that used to take place in the Palace premises in the evenings and the Palace illumination on every Sunday evening have been temporarily suspended, according to a press release.

Brindavan Gardens may open for tourists from Sept. 1

Mysuru, Aug. 11 (RK&DM)- The world famous Brindavan Gardens at KRS Dam in Srirangapatna taluk of Mandya district, which was shut due to the outbreak of COVID-19 in March this year, is all set to re-open for tourists from Sept. 1.

Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited (CNNL) officials, in a letter written to Mandya Deputy Commissioner on Aug. 8, said that with the KRS Dam almost full with steady inflows to the reservoir over the past few days, people are visiting the Dam in large numbers to have a glimpse of the splendorous sight of Cauvery River in full flow and water gushing out from the crest gates of the Dam. With the water level of the Dam just a few feet away from reaching the maximum level, people have started to throng the Dam site. As such, it is prudent to open the Brindavan Gardens for the visitors to enjoy the full view of the Dam in all its splendour.

Pointing out that although most of the tourist spots in several parts of the State have re-opened following COVID-19 lockdown relaxations, the CNNL officials said with the closure of the Dam for tourists, the CNNL has suffered revenue losses up to Rs. 1.1 crore a month in the absence of gate collection, vehicle parking fee and commercial rentals.

The District Administration, taking note of the financial condition of CNNL and also the interests of tourists, should re-open the Brindavan Gardens for the public from Sept.1 with all COVID-19 measures such as maintenance of physical distancing and wearing of face-masks in place, the letter said.

Meanwhile, water level of the Dam is expected to reach the maximum level of 124.80 ft in about a week, with the dam receiving good inflow due to incessant rains in Kodagu, the birthplace of River Cauvery and other catchment areas.

Obituary

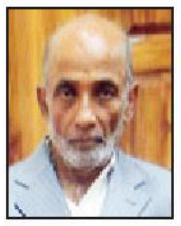
V. Krishnamurthy

Mysuru, Aug. 11- V. Krishnamurthy (69), a PWD Contractor and a resident of Hanumanthanagar in Bannimantap, passed away this morning at his residence in city.

He leaves behind his wife, three daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Jodi Tenginamara Burial Grounds at Bannimantap today, according to family sources.

Alhaj Anwar Pasha



Alhaj Anwar Pasha (78), retired Vice-Principal of Maharaja's Junior College, Secretary of Karnataka School at Shanthinagar and a resident of Kalyangirinagar, passed away this morning following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-janaza was held this afternoon followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle, according to sources.

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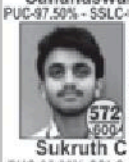

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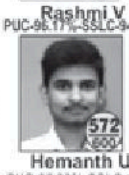
Sukruth C P PUC-95.33%-SSLC-93.06%



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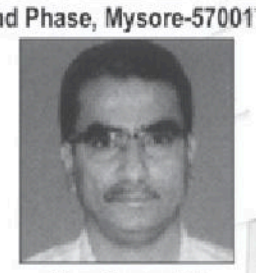

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